

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie, Anne Marie Rathburn, Peter Fabian

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick D. Braatz, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Erica Evans, John Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Jeff Percy, Wisconsin Certification Board, will not appear this morning
-Report from WAMFT, Peter Fabian, WAMFT liaison
-Report of Rules Committee, Linda Schwallie
-Update of Legislation/AB 206
-Update on number of MFT's certified since last Section meeting

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2001

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Secretary Herrera was not available to address the Section.

WAMFT REPORT

Peter Fabian reported that WAMFT has asked to be kept abreast of any pending legislation affecting MFT's to ensure that national standards are being upheld. Lynn Gauger would like to extend an invitation to the WAMFT to send a representative to attend the Section meetings and the Joint Board meetings.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Schwallie said there was no report.

JEFFREY PEARCEY - WISCONSIN CERTIFICATION BOARD

Jeff Percy did not appear before the Section. He will address the Joint Board in the afternoon. The Section has concerns about AODA counselors performing marriage and family therapy under the auspices of AODA services. The Section is seriously concerned that the AODA amendment to AB 206 has created a bill that may be detrimental to the professions of MFT, Social Work and Professional Counseling, and to the proposed licensing of mental health professionals.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION

DAVID L SCHOONHOVEN, CMFT

DOE Attorney Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning David L. Schoonhoven, CMFT. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

UPDATE ON NUMBER OF CERTIFIED MFT'S

Thirteen MFT certifications have been granted since January 1, 2001. There are currently 31 pending applications.

TELEPRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING: A GUIDE FOR LEGISLATORS

One of the biggest issues with telepractice is who has jurisdiction over the therapists if there is harm to a client, particularly when the therapist and the client are in different states.

REVIEW CRITERIA FOR SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE FORMS

The Section was in favor of using the employment/supervision form from the Professional Counselor's application. This form should be revised to reflect the MFT statutes and then incorporated into the MFT application. The Section wants to review the new MFT application template at the next meeting.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Most computer-based examinations are offered year-round. The AMFTRB made the decision that the national MFT exam would only be offered twice yearly.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lynn Gauger shared some information regarding pending legislation. Lynn Gauger testified before the Assembly Committee on Health on April 10, 2001, regarding AB 206. Concerns were raised by both professionals and legislators, and a number of amendments were suggested.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberation on a proposed stipulation, reviewing applications, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll Call vote: Anne Marie Rathburn - yes, Peter Fabian - yes, Lynn Gauger – yes, Linda Schwallie - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 12:03 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 12:11

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION

DAVID L. SCHOONHOVEN, CMFT

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the proposed stipulation in the matter concerning David L. Schoonhoven, CMFT. Motion carried unanimously.

CASE STATUS REPORT

There were no cases to close.

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO APPLICATION

SHARON A. KOSKI

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to accept AAMFT certification of Sharon A. Koski in lieu of her college transcripts and the certificate of professional education form and as acceptable evidence of her professional education. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

KATHLEEN CROWLEY

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to reaffirm the Section's earlier decision to require Kathleen Crowley to pass the national MFT examination. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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